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SUBJ: CALGARY S LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM

REF: CALGARY 165

1. CALGARY CITY COUNCIL DECIDED JULY 25 TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY FOR THE 27 CARS NEEDED FOR CITY'S LRT SYSTEM. THE COUNCIL VOTED 8-2 TO BUY LRT EQUIPMENT FROM SIEMENS-DUWAG AT A MINIMUM PRICE OF AT LEAST CAN. DOLS 594,255 EACH. PRICE COULD GO UP TO A MAXIMUM OF CAN. DOLS 733,905 AS A RESULT OF LABOR AND MATERIAL ESCALATION COSTS, AND/OR FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATE. IN OPTING FOR SAME LRT CARS AS EDMONTON, COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTED ADVANTAGES OF PROVINCIAL COOPERATION IN LRT CAR ASSEMBLY, SHARED PARTS DEPOT, AND REDUCED NEED FOR BACKUP CARS. COUNCIL MEMBERS ALSO EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PURCHASING CARS FROM A LONG ESTABLISHED LRT MANUFACTURER.

2. CURRENT CITY SCHEDULE CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING WORK OVER NEXT 3-5 MONTHS, AND A CALL FOR TENDERS ON MAJOR CONSTRUCTION NEAR END OF THE YEAR. COMMERCE MAY WISH TO NOTIFY BOEING VERTROL OF ABOVE.
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